
In the Claims:

Please amend the claims also as shown in Attachment A, where newly added claims 4-8 are identified by the designation "(new)" immediately following the claim number, in conformity with Rule 121(c). A clean copy of the claims with these amendments made is provided together with the substitute specification in Attachment B, pursuant to Rule 121(c).

In the Drawings:

Please amend FIG. 3 as shown in the red-lined version of that figure provided in Attachment A. A clean version of FIG. 3 as amended is provided in the substitute specification of Attachment B.

Please re-enter FIG. 4 and amend it as shown in the red-lined version of that figure provided in Attachment A. A clean version of this FIG. 4 as amended is provided in the substitute specification of Attachment B.

Remarks

The present application is being filed as a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/229,724, filed Jan. 13, 1999, pending, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/006,288, filed Jan. 13, 1998, now abandoned.

The present application differs from the currently pending '724 application in the Attorney Docket number on the first page, in the title (appearing on the first page and on the last page that contains the abstract), in the Cross-Reference to Related Application section on the first page immediately following the title, and in the number of claims presented (not all claims of the currently pending '724 application have been included). No new matter has been added.

The various amendments to the specification are made chiefly for one or more of the following purposes: (a) to update U.S. application information; (b) for internal consistency; and (c) to correct typographical errors. Additionally, text has been added to refer to FIG. 4 in the Brief Description of the Drawings section and the Detailed Description portion immediately following the description of FIG. 3. The substitute

specification (with amended drawings and the claims as amended) is provided in Attachment B for the Examiner's convenience. No new matter has been added.

FIG. 3 has been amended for consistency with the specification which indicates conduits 42 and 44 are interleaved. (See e.g. p. 25, lines 5-6, of the substitute specification.) No new matter has been added.

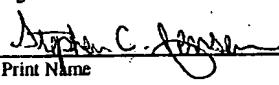
FIG. 4 is being re-introduced to the specification after having been filed with the '288 grandparent application and incorporated by reference into the '724 parent application. The figure is believed to be helpful to the reader's understanding of the subject matter. Amendments to this figure are for internal consistency and to eliminate verbiage from the figure. No new matter has been added.

Additional claims 4-8 are being added herein to further encompass the applicants' inventive contributions. Support can be found generally at page 21, line 14, to page 22, line 18, of the substitute specification.

Conclusion

Entry of the foregoing amendment prior to substantive examination is respectfully requested. A fee calculation sheet accompanies this amendment. No additional fee is believed to be due by submission of this paper. If this belief is in error, please charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

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